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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF THE YUGOSLAV FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL DZEMAL BIJEDIC

1. PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAV FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DZEMAL
BIJEDIC DEPARTED TUNIS JUNE 27 AFTER THREE- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT
AT INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA. BIJEDIC HELD TWO
MEETINGS WITH NOUIRA, EACH FOLLOWED BY MEETING OF JOINT WORKING
GROUP PRESIDED BY NOUIRA AND BIJEDIC. BIJEDIC ALSO MET WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER MASMOUDI.

2. FOUR MAIN AREAS OF CONCERN EMERGED FROM MEETINGS: (A)
BILATERAL RELATIONS; (B) FORTHCOMING NON- ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN
ALGIERS; (C) MIDDLE EAST; AND (D) MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY.
REGARDING BILATERAL RELATIONS, AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED WHICH WILL RE- INSTALL GROUP
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OF YUGOSLAV TECHICIANS (ESPECIALLY IN MEDICAL FIELD) IN
TUNISIA. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT FOR NEXT MEETING OF MIXED
COMMISSION IN SEPTEMBER COOPERATION AGREEMENTS IN AREAS
FISHING, IRRIGATION, AND PARTICIPATION OF YUGOSLAVIA IN
CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN TUNISIA WILL BE PREPARED.

3. BOTH SIDES PLEDGED TO WORK FOR SUCCESSFUL NON- ALIGNED
CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS AND REITERATED THEIR WELL KNOWN POSITIONS
ON MEDEAST. JOINT COMMUNIQUE (CARRIED FBIS 272157 Z) AND
BIJEDIC IN LONG TOAST AT OFFICIAL DINNER GIVEN BY NOUIRA
MENTIONED THAT MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD BECOME SEA OF PEACE.
COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTES THAT " EUROPEAN SECURITY CANNOT BE
DISSOCIATED FROM THAT OF MEDITERRANEAN".

4. COMMENT: IT IS CERTAIN THAT BOURGUIBA' S MIDDLE EAST
INITIATIVE AND CSCE WERE ALSO MAJOR TOPICS IN DISCUSSIONS.
WE HAVE HEARD THAT YUGOSLAVS AGREED ACTIVELY SUPPORT BOURGUIBA' S
INITIATIVE FOR DIALOGUE IN MIDDLE EAST, AND MAY ISSUE PUBLIC
STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT IN NEAR FUTURE. ABOVE QUOTE FROM
COMMUNIQUE APPEARS TO IMPLY YUGOSLAV SUPPORT FOR TUNISIAN AND
ALGERIAN CASE IN SEEKING OBSERVER STATUS IN CSCE. HOW ACTIVE
THIS SUPPORT WILL BE IS ANOTHER QUESTION.
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